GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:459
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000
GREEN/WHITE REVOLUTION
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of the green revolution and the white revolution have not progressed on account of insufficient funds for research work;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for research work in agriculture during each of the last three years;

(c) whether allocation of funds for the agriculture demonstration programme has been discontinued; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 459 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH APRIL, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. The production and productivity of most of the food crops continue to increase. As far as white revolution is concerned, the production of milk has been constantly increasing and today India is the largest producer of milk in the World. To keep pace with the requirements of our increasing population and providing competitive edge to Indian Agriculture, more efforts are being made to provide required funds for agricultural research.

The funds allocated for agricultural research to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during last three years are as under :

Year	Allocated Amount
1997-98	Rs. 680.85 Crore
1998-99	Rs.1001.82 Crore
1999-2000	Rs.1298.88 Crore

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The allocation of funds for frontline demonstration have been increased during last three years. An amount of Rs. 662.81 lakh was allocated for taking up frontline demonstration on oilseed and pulses. The year-wise allotment of funds for the purpose is indicated in Annexe-I. The ICAR have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras for taking up the activities including technology evaluation and impact assessment through frontline demonstration for establishing the production potential on farmers` field, on farm testing for identifying the location-specificity of technologies and its dissemination through training of farmers and in-service personnel. During the period of 1997-98 to 2000-2001, an amount of Rs. 18.66 crore were allotted for taking up these activities. The year-wise allotment of funds for the purpose is indicated in annexe-II.

ANNEXE - I

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS TO FRONTLINE DEMONSTRATIONS

The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation provides funds each year to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for conducting Frontline Demonstrations in Oilseed and Pulse Crops. During the last three years i.e. from 1997-98 to 1999-2000, a total amount of Rs. 662.81 lakhs was provided which include Rs. 462.81 lakhs for oilseed demonstration and Rs. 200 lakhs for pulses demonstration. The year-wise budget details are given as under:

Year	Oilseed Crop (Rs. in lakhs)	Pulse Crop (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	65.00	52.00
1998-99	175.00	48.00
1999-2000	222.81	100.00
Total	462.81	200.00

ANNEXE-II

ALLOTNIENT OF FUNDS TO KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

Allotment of funds to Krishi Vigyan Kendras for activities including FrontlineDemonstrations, On farm testing, training of farmers and extension personnel during 1997-98 to 2000-2001 are given as under:

Year	0ilseed Crop (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	404.88
1997-99	401.51
1999-2000	459.91
2000-2001	600.00
Total	1866.30